identified as extremist affected by Ministry of Home Affairs. In addition, three districts affected by naxalism are covered under the Special Plan for the the KBK districts of Orissa.

Relocation of outlets of fuel pumps

1663. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Authority of India and raised objections to the existence of around 4000 outlets of fuel pumps which were to be either closed down or relocated as per its guidelines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NHAI have relaxed its norms and now fate of 400 pumps remains to be decided; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the relaxation and whether the safety and smooth flow of traffic at highways has been kept in view?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [(MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Works under Central Road Fund

†1664. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether works for the State Highways and main district roads are sanctioned only under the Central Road Fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry gives only administrative approval to the proposals;

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(c) if so, whether Government, instead of reviewing the proposal, are considering to form a State-level Committee like other Centrally converted schemes like BADP, PMGY, EFC, in which one representative each from the Centre and the State Government is included for issuing comprehensive guidelines for selection of the proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Proposals for improvement/development of State Highways, Major District Roads and other roads of importance are considered for approval under the Central Road Fund.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan

†1665. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government had sought an amount of Rs. 28 crores for general maintenance of the National Highways during the year 2001-02;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the year 2002-03 Government had made a provision of Rs.13.27 crores for general maintenance of the Highways;

(c) if so, whetner Government are contemplating to allocate the enhanced amount to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. The Rajasthan Government had sought an amount of Rs. 33.15 crores for general maintenance of National Highways during the year 2001-02.

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